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NEEDHAM SOCIETY WINS DECISION

Defeats Columbian Debating Society
in the Second Intersociety De-
bate of the Year.

DECISION A UNANIMOUS ONE

NEEDHAM was victorious last Saturday in the second intersociety debate, held in the Main Hall of the Law School, on the question of the Initiative and Referendum. This victory evens up the score between the two local debating societies, and compensates Needham for her defeat at the hands of Columbian in the first debate. The deciding contest will be held in April, and a prize debate in June, participated in by the honor men of the series will determine the award of the medals.

J. Paul Oren, of Pennsylvania, president of the Needham Society, opened with a short address of welcome to the members of the contesting societies and their friends. Mr. Oren said in part:

"Debating is vital to the welfare of the law department of every great university, and in order that this University may maintain its high standing, we concur in the present agitation of the movement to give a certain number of hours credit to those participating in student activities. If the general adoption of this Student Activity Credit Scheme is not thought wise by the Faculty, we think it should at least be extended to debating, which is a branch more vital to every law student than any other single subject required for a Bachelor of Laws degree. The only apparent remedy for the lack of interest in debating in our University today is the giving of credits for this essential phase of the student's training, which will enable him to take an hour or two less work per week in the classroom, and at the same time permit him to attend the regular weekly debates of the societies, and participate in a certain number during a semester without a serious loss of time from 'grinding.'"

The question for debate was: "Resolved, That the adoption of the initiative and referendum as a part of the legislative system of our several States is not desirable." Columbian defended the affirmative with Azro L. Barber, Louis B. LeDuc, and Norris L. Bowen. Charles V. Hilton was alternate. On the negative was the Needham team, Clarence E. Deyo, William R. Fitch, and Paul E. Bradley, with Stanley S. Waite as alternate.

A. L. BARBER OPENS DEBATE.

Mr. Barber of Columbian opened the debate for the affirmative with a definition of the stand taken by that side, maintaining that,

"This scheme in practice harks back to the mob rule of Greece and Rome."

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THEATRE BENEFIT A SUCCESS

Seven Hundred and Twenty-Five
Dollars Realized to be Used
for University Purposes.

ON MONDAY, February 27th, Mrs. Fiske and her company presented at the New National Theatre, "Becky Sharp," a drama by Langdon Mitchell, based on Thackeray's "Vanity Fair." The house was bought for the night by the Columbian Women and the Committee on Student Organizations, and the proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the University. For this reason and because of the large attendance of G. W. U. students, Faculty, and trustees, the performance partook of the character of a University function. In that regard it was a great success. There were few vacant seats and the audience was socially and intellectually a distinguished one. A charming sight was the long horseshoe curve of the balcony, whose front rows were brilliant with gay gowns and beautiful faces. There was some "class" to the gallery audience, too, where a number of choice undergraduate spirits were assembled. The performance netted \$725, about half of which will go toward the payment of debts incurred by student organizations.

The play is not a very good one. We are going to say just what we think about it for several good reasons; one is that it can't possibly spoil the run of the play, which left town a week ago; another is that this paper gets no advertising from the New National and can therefore speak without bias; finally, the News' critic paid for his seats. Whatever may be the value of this criticism from the standpoint of art, it can at least lay claim to the merit of independence.

GENERAL CRITICISM OF THE PLAY.

The piece has two many characters and not enough action. There are twenty-one people in the cast and two-thirds of them have so little to do or say that one cannot mentally differentiate them. There is a want of strong, dramatic situations to bring the curtain down at the close of each act. One such situation there is at the close of Act III, when Rawdon Crawley comes home unexpectedly and catches his wife at supper with Lord Steyne, and Becky at length realizes that the game is up. The Waterloo ball

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CHEMISTS' FIRST BANQUET

Members and Guests of the Chemical
Society Hold a Rally at
the New Ebbitt.

THE Chemical Society deemed the evening of February 21st, the night before the anniversary of the birth of our *Almus Pater*, a fitting date for its first annual banquet. Accordingly, the members of the Society and their friends—the latter including Faculty members—numbering in all about forty-five, sat down to a royal spread on that eve at the New Ebbitt.

After the feast the Society's attention was directed toward solving the mysteries of matter in the gaseous state. Mr. Pozen, as toastmaster was the chief demonstrator, and carried on the various steps and stages of this experiment with great success, proving beyond dispute his ability along this line, rivaling members of the Faculty and the "big" chemists of the Society.

THE ORDER OF SPEECH MAKING.

President Taylor was the first one called upon to speak. He delivered a few short and felicitous remarks on "The Synthesis of a Chemical Society." Mr. Taylor gave a résumé of the Society's history, and discussed its plans for the future, which latter, he said, included an inspection trip to a local brewery as the principal event. He predicted that the George Washington Chemical Society would, in a short time, be a leader among organizations of a like character.

In introducing Dean C. E. Monroe, the Honorary President of the Society, Mr. Pozen spoke feelingly of the admiration and respect with which every member of the Society regards him, both as a man and as a preceptor. Dean Monroe spoke with customary ease and eloquence, saying in his introductory remarks that the Society's progress thus far had been so remarkable as to have been a series of continual but pleasant surprises to him. He then launched into the subject of his address, "The New Declaration of Independence," stating, in the course of his remarks, that the chemist had freed America from her dependence on Chile for one of the constituents of gunpowder by "fixing" the nitrogen of the air. He predicted also that Germany's control of the potash supply would

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DEGREES CONFERRED ON TWELVE

At the Annual Winter Convocation On
the Morning of Washington's
Birthday.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES MADE

THE Winter Convocation was held in the Auditorium of the New Masonic Temple, on Washington's birthday, twelve candidates receiving degrees. There was a large audience in attendance.

The great auditorium was tastefully decorated in George Washington's colors, while the University motto occupied a prominent place. The program was opened by a musical number rendered by a section of the Marine Band, under the direction of Lieutenant Santelmann. As the strains of a march by Lincke swept through the hall, the long line of the Faculty made its entrance, clad each in the customary cap and gown and headed by President Stockton. As the members of the Faculty took their assigned places on the platform, the candidates for degrees, likewise in cap and gown, seated themselves in the front rows of the seats facing the platform.

ADDRESS BY HON. F. W. HACKETT.

Following the prayer and invocation by the Rev. George Williamson Smith, D.D., LL.D., there was an address by the Hon. Frank Warren Hackett. Mr. Hackett, speaking on the theme "the duty of the college man in politics," said, in part, that it was the purpose of a university to teach a man to think, as well as to furnish him with knowledge. He sounded a warning against the "prejudices of education," which prejudices he said had inspired a noted English writer to say "If I had read as much as some people, I would know as little." "An educated man should inform himself about public affairs, today more than ever before," he declared. "Our system of government is continually presenting problems to the people, and it behooves our educated men to study, and join together in the solution of these problems." The speaker discussed various public questions now before the country, and said, "the relation the University bears to these matters is obvious. It is the duty of college men to take some part in public affairs. We must not leave it all to the legislatures, for they rely, to a great extent, on public opinion. Young men, take active part in politics, and instead of standing aside and criticising, get into the middle of things and leave the impress of your opinion there."

ANOTHER THEATRE BENEFIT.

A theatre benefit is to be given at the New National on the evening of Monday, March 20th, under the charge of the Board of Lady Managers of the University Hospital. The profits will be used for current hospital expenses. Details on page eight.

MR. ADAMS' ADDRESS TO GRADUATES.

After an excellently rendered cornet solo by Second Leader Walter F. Smith, Mr. Charles Francis Adams was called upon to address the graduates. Even as had Mr. Hackett, so also did Mr. Adams begin his address with a glowing tribute to our President, Admiral Stockton. Citing the President's experience as President of the War College, etc., Mr. Adams said that he was well equipped for his present office. Addressing the graduates Mr. Adams said in part:

"Every period of the history of mankind has its ideas, which find expression in its institutions. In the Middle Ages it was the church; today it is the university. As with the men of that time and their cathedrals, so with us and our universities, neither time nor money is to be considered. Yet George Washington University is situated in the capital city at the very center of political life and is struggling for existence; while a single glance at the budget of the United States will show that over five million dollars is annually spent for wars—past, present, and to come. Viewing this maddening rush of nations to prevent wars by warlike measures, it seems to me that the resources of great powers are not applied with the strictest good judgment.

"In every great country the capital city becomes a sort of necessary university, whether we will or no. The question is whether the education sought and given shall be based on principles, formed upon rule, directed to the highest ends, or left to the random succession of masters and scholars one after another, with a melancholy waste of thought and an extreme hazard of truth. The great instrument or rather organ of a university's activity has ever been that which nature puts into education—the personal presence of a teacher; in other words, it is the living word, the breathing form, the expressive countenance which imparts truth; a subtle, invisible, manifold spirit is poured into the mind of the scholar by his eyes and ears, through his affections, imagination, and reason. It is poured into his mind and there stored up in perpetuity through all those means implied in the term 'catechizing.'

"A university is a place of concourse and it implies concourse, and it must have for its seat some place like this at Washington. It calls for the best and for that it must go to some great center, whether of wealth, of activity, or of influence. There you have all the choicest productions of nature, and they are all together, which elsewhere you find each in its separate place. In the nature of things greatness and unity go together; excellence implies a center. The capital is a place where inquiries are pushed forward and discoveries verified and perfected; where error is exposed by the friction of mind with mind and the collision of error with knowledge. The university is a seat of wisdom and light of the world, a milestone of the passing, an Alma Mater of the rising generation; and where, in closing let me ask, can it find a more fitting home than here in the administrative center of a mighty people, or a more inspiring name than that of Washington!"

Immediately after Mr. Adams' address the degrees were presented as follows:

Bachelor of Arts.

John Knox Arnold, Kentucky.
Chien Shi Fan, China.

Teachers' Diploma.

Mildred Floyd Johnston, A. B., District of Columbia.

Doctor of Medicine.

Audrey Goss, District of Columbia.

Bachelor of Laws.

Walter Eames Blount, District of Columbia.
Robert Lundie Mackenzie, Oregon.
Claude Henry McCray, New York.
Herbert William White, Iowa.

Bachelor of Law.

A. Lapin Cohen, Wisconsin.

Master of Laws.

Charles Hermon Patterson, New York.

Civil Engineer.

Glenn Rupert Lawrence, District of Columbia.

Master of Arts.

Joseph Plass, Germany.

The singing of "America," by the audience, and Dr. Smith's benediction closed the ceremonies.

Pictures Now Taken.

Pictures should all have been taken for the *Cherry Tree* and all proofs returned in order that the publication of the book may not be delayed, as has been the case for the past few years. Those who failed to return their proofs will have to submit to the selection made by the editors as to which of the proofs presents the better likeness. All matter, by which is meant the "write-ups" of the graduates and the several classes, should be turned in immediately. A large part of the book is already in the hands of the printer.

Political Science Notes.

DeWitt C. Poole, Jr., M. Dip., 1910, is acting as instructor in the course in Consular Service.

We again have in our midst Norris Loring Bowen, who has resumed his studies in this college.

The following are by Professor Kern: "A good many of our inventions are turned out by cranks, which of course is the ordinary way of turning out things."

"The people of St. Louis objected to the Chicago bacilli which came to them via the Drainage Canal and Mississippi River route, whereupon the Chicago people made reply that they needed some of that species of bacilli in St. Louis to wake them up."

"The University of Missouri depends largely upon revenue that is derived largely from inheritance taxes which the state collects. When the endowment fund is low, the students get together and pray for several of the state's wealthy bachelors to die."

Professor Kern made the statement that we come into this world without economic goods. How about those that are born with silver spoons?

Professor More is getting his class in Actual Government to think "legally,"—meaning like lawyers.

We are informed by one of the Faculty that George Washington at times emitted language that would disqualify him for any Sunday School. To put it in the vernacular of the street, "he could swear some."

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CHEMISTS' FIRST BANQUET

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be overcome by the ingenuity of the chemist.

Prof. E. A. Hill was the second member of the Faculty to speak. He discussed his favorite subject: "Steering Chemistry," by reminding the members of the Society how he had steered them in the past, and in a brief and concise manner, pointing out a few things on which they might spend their energy and efforts after graduation. Professor McNeil carried the Society "Beyond the Test Tubes" in a serious talk. He advised all to remember that there are other things in the world besides anhydrides, benzene rings, etc., and recommended that the members of the Society devote some of their time to the acquisition of general culture. Professor Clarke, who has had a wide experience as compiler of the international atomic weights, talked on the subject "Wild Elements I Have Met." The anecdotes he related provoked considerable mirth.

LETTER FROM DR. WILEY READ.

Mr. Pozen read a letter from Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, in which the "pure food man" expressed his regret that it would be impossible for him to accept the cordial invitation of the Society to attend the banquet. At the conclusion of his letter he wrote: "I trust you will have a pleasant time, find the food excellent, well cooked and free from cold storage products, the speeches to the point and not too long, and the fellowship that which all good chemical fellows should have whether there is a stein upon the table or not."

The entertainment for the remainder of the evening was furnished by the student members of the Society. Mr. Moneyway's "Studies in Carbon," clever negro dialect stories, were well received. Mr. Coe's "Sound Waves," accompanied by Miss Prince at the piano, were excellent. The program was frequently interrupted by the reading of telegrams and messages from notable persons, such as the Professor of Church Organic Chemistry, Teddy R., and the shade of Kekule. At one period of the performance there was a complete suspension of proceedings while the Society was entertained by the spectacle of "Herr Professor" Ludholz, of Berlin, in full pursuit of an asymmetric carbon atom.

The affair broke up shortly after midnight with the singing(?) of Auld Lang Syne. Too much credit cannot be given to the Entertainment Committee, which consisted of Mr. Baston, chairman, and Messrs. Pozen and Lepper.

Dental School Notes.

The Dental Department Dance, given on February 11, was a success in every way. The hall was artistically decorated with banners and pennants, while at either end there was a large moon to be used for the moon dances. Dean and Mrs. J. Roland Walton, and Dr. and Mrs. Henry C. Thompson were chaperons. About fifty couples were present.

Dean Walton has secured Dr. A. B. Crane one of the city's specialists on extracting, to give the Dental Department a special course in anesthetics and extracting.

Mr. Andrew P. Bush of the freshmen class slipped away and joined the benedict society on February 8. Congratulations are in order.

Three new dental chairs, a large instrument case, and several new lathes have recently been added to the other improvements of our department.

WANTED!

One Assistant Business Manager.

The Business Manager announces that the office of Assistant Business Manager is now vacant, that the usual competition begins with this issue, and will last until April 15, when the high and mighty powers that control the affairs of The News will determine who is worthy of the glory and honor.

During this contest there will be opportunity for every capable man in the University (also the fair coeds, if they see fit to enter the competition) to earn some pocket money. The successful applicant will in all probability succeed this year's manager.

The position is secured by the man showing the best qualifications along commercial lines. The principle work is the obtaining of new business in the way of new advertisements. This, in comparison, with the editorial work is an easy job, for merchants are quite willing to aid legitimate student publications, as evidenced by the fact that this year's Business Manager and all his predecessors have been listed in Bradstreet as "bloated millionaires." But in all seriousness, this year competitors will have a wide field, due to the fact that the Mercantile Association has approved this paper as an advertising medium. Then remember after you have secured the advertisements, empty glory will not be your reward—a good commission will be yours.

Therefore, look up the business manager. He can be seen at most any time at 604 Hibbs Building. He is anxious to see you, and will give you "pointers." There is no reason why at least a dozen day students should not turn out for this position. Throughout the day schools, there are many capable men, who have plenty of spare time to devote to this interest.

Remember it will help you financially, it will give you practical experience in high finance, to-wit: the ability to show men of good, hard common business experience that your school paper is something that should be encouraged, and moreover by working for this job you will be doing something for the University.

Now, don't think you will look into the matter next week. Make an appointment at once, and determine that next year you will be Business Manager.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The new officers of the association entered upon the discharge of their duties at the regular weekly business meeting, held on Wednesday, the 1st, immediately after the noon chapel service. They are D. C. Smith, president; R. M. Dunbar, vice-president; H. L. Bruening, secretary; A. H. Redfield, treasurer. These officers will not be officially inaugurated, however, until the Annual Banquet, which will be held just before the Easter holidays. All students are requested to begin now to accumulate enough of the circulating medium to purchase a ticket. Details as to exact date and price will be given out later.

President Smith has appointed the chairmen of the various committees provided for by the new constitution which was only recently adopted by the association. The other members of the committees will be selected later by the president and the several chairmen in consultation. The officers heading the committees are as follows: A. H. Redfield, Finance Committee; R. M. Dunbar, Bible Study Committee; J. P. Fleming, Religious Meetings Committee; L. A. Maxson, Membership Committee; L. A. Maxson, Banquet Committee. The other members of the Banquet Committee have already been appointed. They are the following: R. M. Dunbar, A. H. Redfield, D. C. Smith, and P. S. Tucker.

The Bible Class did not meet on Friday the 3d. However, meetings will be resumed on Friday, March the 10th. This class, which is conducted by the Rev. Lloyd Douglas, D. D., of the Luther Memorial Church, has not been as well attended as it deserves to be. All men should make an especial effort to come to these meetings, as they deal with subjects of universal interest. The subject of the next meeting scheduled for March the 10th is "The Problem of Man."

The College Juniors.

The junior editor has just recovered from a severe attack of La Grippe, and desires to express his appreciation of the many inquiries of the class, and, particularly of the tribute paid him at the last class meeting by one of its members.

A called meeting of the class was held on Monday evening, February 20th, to elect a class historian and poet. This was only accomplished after a heated discussion. Mr. Dunbar was elected historian. The poet declined the position, and, consequently, a "Poet Wanted" sign is out. Applicants should apply early.

Elmer Stewart is getting to be known as the Tawney of the treasury of the Chemical Society.

Much favorable comment is being made relative to the zeal displayed by Mr. Bizzell in his work as *Cherry Tree* editor. With him as editor and Miss Smallwood as artist, the Junior Class will be well represented. The hearty co-opera-

tion of the class is necessary, however, in matters of this kind.

Miss Jones is teaching library methods. It is noted that one of her pupils is making marked progress.

The class was well represented at the Chemical Society Banquet at the New Ebbitt on Tuesday evening. The success of the affair was largely due to G. H. Baston, who was chairman of the Entertainment Committee. J. N. Taylor gave an interesting talk on "The Synthesis of a Chemical Society." M. R. Coe's baritone voice was heard to advantage later in the evening. An impersonation of our Mr. Ludholz by Mr. Lepper scored heavily.

Engineering School Notes.

Plans have been completed for the dance to be given by the engineering Society on Tuesday, March 28. The dance will be held at Mrs. Dyers'. Tickets, including refreshments, are now on sale for \$1.50. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The engineers wish it understood that the dance is for the benefit of the whole college, so don't be afraid to buy a ticket, even if you're in some other department.

In the course of a week or two Mr. Carty hopes to get hold of a lecture on the High Pressure Fire apparatus of New York City, to be given before the Engineering Society. The lecture will probably be illustrated and should prove of the greatest interest.

Chemical Society Notes.

At the meeting of the Society held on February the 20th, two new members were admitted, namely, Messrs. Horace Hatch Curtis and Herbert Samuel Hamlin. Mr. Hatch received his A.B. in 1906, and his A.M. in 1908 from Johns Hopkins. Mr. Hamlin is a student in the Department of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, Professor of Agricultural Chemistry, and Dr. F. W. Clark, Professor of Mineral Chemistry, are to be elected honorary members of the Society.

At the last meeting of the Society, which was the occasion of the address by Dr. Wiley of pure food fame, there were present quite a large number of the Alumni, who have attained prominence as chemists. In view of the interest shown at this meeting it is hoped that this reunion will be the forerunner of annual ones of the same kind.

Medical School Notes.

The Senior Class will appear "en masse" at the benefit performance for the University Hospital, to be given at the New National on March 20th.

The lectures given by Dr. William White to the senior medical classes of George Washington, Georgetown, and the Army and Navy Medical School, have been resumed. Matters have been arranged so as to give a separate course to the Howard University medical students.

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ANOTHER COLLEGE IN THE DISTRICT.

The adjournment of Congress has ushered out at least one bill of interest to all connected with the University. We refer to the bill for the establishment of a college of agriculture and mechanic arts in the District, introduced into the Senate some months ago, by Senator Gallinger, chairman of the Committee on the District of Columbia and referred to that committee for further action. Happily this was the last of the bill. Whether the committee ever considered it further, we do not know. But one thing is certain, the bill was never reported back to the Senate for debate.

This bill is the result of the efforts of President James of the University of Illinois. Senator Gallinger was in no sense responsible for the drafting of the measure. In introducing it into the Senate he made it perfectly clear that he was acting on behalf of an outsider. President James is apparently of the same opinion that he was last year, when he waged a vigorous and successful campaign against this University in its efforts to secure the benefits of the Morrill acts. Realizing that the District is in all justice entitled to the same advantages as the states, but believing that this University should not be the recipient of the funds which the Morrill acts provide shall be given to certain state colleges, President James came forward with an original scheme for the establishment of a separate college in order that the District might get the benefits of those acts. In other words, Congress should go to the expense of establishing a college in the District because there are certain funds to which the District is entitled. To use a much worn phrase, this seems a little like "putting the cart before the horse." The more logical method of procedure would seem to be to discover, first whether there is sufficient demand for the courses to which this fund would have to be devoted, and secondly, supposing

there exists such a demand, whether there is not some college already established which is giving these courses or would give them were it to receive the Morrill acts' appropriation. There are at present no less than half a dozen institutions in the District doing work of a college grade. Another college would simply mean a duplication of the work that is already being done. It would mean just one more educational institution for the community to support. In short it would necessarily result in a loss of economic and educational energy. Would it not be much better to unite the forces at hand toward the establishment of one good college than to spread them over a number of colleges?

But, by advancing his rather novel scheme President James must implicitly admit that Washington is a good college center. This is the proposition which the University has been maintaining all along and which so many prominent educators, especially moneyed educators, refuse to assent to. Moreover, an educator of local prominence, Mr. Allan Davis, who last fall advanced a scheme for the establishment of a District college, has implicitly admitted the truth of this proposition also. And finally, an educator of national prominence expressly maintains not only that Washington is a good college center, but that it is a most fitting one. This was the substance of the statement made by Mr. Charles Francis Adams in his address at the Winter Convocation. In the face of these admissions express and implied, we submit that it is time for the philanthropists of the country to develop the educational opportunities of the District. And there is certainly no better way of doing this than by building up our own University.

Annual Alumni Meeting.

About twenty-eight hundred notices of the annual business meeting of the General Alumni Association of the University have been sent out by Dean H. L. Hodgkins, secretary of the association. The meeting will be held in the Red Parlor on the first floor of the New Willard Hotel, at eight o'clock on the evening of Saturday, March 11. At the time of going to press the complete program for the evening had not been arranged. It has been definitely decided, however, that there will be an address by Mr. Aldis B. Browne, president of the association, and by President C. H. Stockton. In addition there will, of course, be the regular reports by the secretary, Dean Hodgkins, and the treasurer, Mr. John B. Lerner. Among other business will be the election of officers for the coming year. The nominating committee is composed of Mr. W. C. Clephane, Mr. J. P. Earnest, Mr. Andrew Wilson, Dr. D. K. Shute, Mr. W. B. King, Mr. E. C. Brandenburg, Dr. T. N. McLaughlin, and Judge G. C. Auken. The announcements which have been sent out contain the statement that "a large part of the evening will be of the nature of a social reunion." Here's hoping the meeting may be a success from every standpoint.

BOOKS NEW AND OLD**Vanity Fair and a Commentator.**

OF course we had all read the novel. Everybody has. But when the G. W. U. performance of "Becky Sharp" was announced it seemed wise to refresh memory a bit and as "Vanity Fair" is still a considerable distance down on the list of my intended purchases of books, I went to the Library of Congress to get a copy. It appeared that other memories had needed refreshing, for of the score or so of copies in the Library catalogue only a solitary one was left upon the shelves.

It needed only a glance to see why this particular example had survived the repeated attacks which had carried off its companions. It was an old, battered, badly printed thing, bearing the marks of much use. One of its many readers had read pencil in hand, and the passages marked and briefly commented upon furnished material for some not uninteresting speculations. From such marked passages one may reconstruct a character, after the method of paleontologists, who find in a few footprints on the old red sandstone, aided by a fragment of bone, data for the complete description of a prehistoric reptile, or bird.

Thus reconstructed, this commentator on "Vanity Fair" appears to have been an unmarried woman, romantic, not so young as she once was, fond of reading and with some experience of the world. It seems probable that she was not an American, or at least not a very patriotic one. She had been deceived by members of her own sex. She was not well endowed with the world's goods, but had perhaps cherished hopes of better fortune. In short, she was a plain, poor, proud romantic old maid. To demonstrate:

"The bearded creatures are quite as eager for praise, quite as finikin over their toilets, quite as proud of their personal advantages, quite as conscious of their powers of fascination, as any coquette in the world."

A man would not have marked that passage. He would have been too modest.

"A woman with fair opportunities and without an absolute hump may marry whom she likes."

A married woman would not have marked that.

"If you were heir to a dukedom and a thousand pounds a day, do you mean to say you would not wish for possession. Pooh!"

These lines were heavily underscored. It is clear that the reader was not rolling in wealth. An added proof of this is her having gone to a public library to read "Vanity Fair," just as the writer of this column did. There can be no doubt that she was poor—nay, poverty-stricken.

When Lady Steyne takes pity on Becky, shunned by the fashionable ladies on her first appearance at Gaunt House, and goes to her with a kind word, my commentator observes, in the margin, "far better to stay away," from which the conclusion is plain that she has been deceived by a false friend, as further indicated by her marking this line:

"Some are made to scheme and some to love."

And a certain experience of the world is hinted at by the pencilling of this, appropos of Lord Steyne:

"Had he not been so great a prince very few possibly would have visited him, but in Vanity Fair the sins of very great personages are looked at indulgently."

It may be inferred that the annotator is not an ardent patriot, if indeed she be not an alien, from her remark on Thackeray's passage about Paul John Jefferson Jones, legation attaché and correspondent of the New York "Demagogue," who estimates the cost of Lord Steyne's banquet at "fifteen or eighteen dollars per head," and betrays his vulgar American snobbishness by his conduct, in various ways at that banquet, whereat the pencilled note is: "This is fine and does America great justice. These are American traits."

There! Will any rival follower of Sherlock Holmes point out a flaw in these deductions?

LUPUS.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

Mrs. Wilbur led the Y. W. C. A. chapel meeting on February 28, and gave another of her series of talks on the "Women of the Bible." We hope to have Mrs. Wilbur with us several times during the remainder of the year.

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Teachers College Notes.

At a recent meeting of the Monday Evening Club, Miss M. E. Given, A. B., '10, gave an address explaining the organization and aims of the Chevy Chase Home and School Association, which is the pioneer of its kind in this city. Miss Given deserves much credit for the success of this unique and valuable adjunct to the school of which she is principal. At the mid-winter meeting of the Association, held in Chevy Chase, Miss Elizabeth V. Brown, A. B., '10, Director of Primary Instruction in the local schools, gave an interesting talk on the problems that confront teacher and pupil. Mr. Henry P. Blair, member of the Board of Education, also addressed the large assemblage of parents, emphasizing the fact that there should be co-operation between the school and the home.

Miss M. B. Hilleary speaks well of the University of Michigan, where she recently took two courses in chemistry. It had been her intention to get the B. A. at Ann Arbor, but she finally decided to finish up here at Teachers College.

Our teachers are delighted with the new course in the Psychology of Adolescence, given by Dr. Small. The course deals with the motor, intellectual, moral, and religious development in the adolescent period and is of interest to teachers and others having to do with the education of adolescent boys and girls. The course is given on Tuesdays at 5.40.

It is a pleasure to record the following favorable comment on Professor Ruediger's new book, "The Principles of Education":

To the student of education, to the thoughtful teacher, and even to the man or woman who, though not a specialist, wants to understand the principles of education and to know about their application, Professor William Carl Ruediger's volume on "The Principles of Education" will prove valuable. It is particularly adapted for the use of those who wish to study the subject in a class or group. Professor Ruediger has succeeded in blending professional knowledge with common sense in the preparation of his book. For example, his chapter on the doctrine of "formal discipline" makes it clear why a great many men who were forced into the study of Latin for the sake of the discipline learned little Latin and derived from it no mental habits worth forming. The book is broad enough to include a consideration of the church as one of the agencies to educate. It concludes with two chapters on the psychological bases of teaching.—*The Outlook*.

Prize Speaking Contest Announced.

Announcement has just been made of the annual Davis Prize Speaking contest, which will be held this year on April 18th. The prizes consist of three gold medals, annually awarded to the successful competitors in a public speaking contest. Only Seniors in the Department of Arts and Sciences are eligible to compete for these prizes. Those wishing to enter the competition should report to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences on or before March 14th, and submit their orations by March 28th.

With the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Henry G. Beyer has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Edward M. Gallaudet. Col. Archibald Hopkins has been elected vice-chairman of the Board.

A resolution was recently passed by the Board providing for the abolition of the degree of Master of Patent Law, and the substitution of a certificate in its stead.

Senior Pharmacy Notes.

The class is much pleased with the new system of credits inaugurated by several of the Faculty. The new method lessens the importance of the final examinations which means the students will not have to "cram" in the final weeks of the season.

Only eight more weeks left before we will know whether we are to be or not to be, but there is still an abundance of work to be covered in that time.

The benefit performance at the National Theater was well attended by the class and every one was pleased with the play.

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Her pocketbook she'll pillage
At dusk and gayly trudge
To purchase in the village
Ingredients for fudge.

At night, with loosened tresses,
It is her dearest wish
To cook up awful messes
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THEATRE BENEFIT A SUCCESS

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furnished an opportunity for another effective climax but it was spoiled when, after the hush in which "the canon's opening roar" is heard, the fat and farcical Jos. Sedley is brought on for a lot of "fussy" business of little dramatic value.

"Becky Sharp" is not so much a drama as it is a presentation of one character and that presentation fails to give complete satisfaction. Mrs. Fiske does nothing wrong—she is too fine an actress for that. One side of Becky she portrays perfectly—the crafty, heartless, plucky, scheming, constitutionally crooked side. But the coquettish, seductive, siren side she somehow does not realize. What all the men find in her to run after, to repeat a common expression, we really can't see. Mrs. Fiske lacks the temperament, we believe, to give us this side of Thackeray's Becky.

ACTING BETTER THAN THE PLAY.

The acting in general was much better than the play. Mr. Stephenson was admirable as Rawdon Crawley, a part which might easily have been spoiled by over-acting. His laugh was pleasant to hear. Mr. Ferguson was abominably ludicrous as Sir Pitt, and the other members of the precious Crawley family were good, and looked like Thackeray's drawings come to life. Mr. Shepherd made a properly bad old man of Lord Steyne, with his gray face and soft voice, and Miss Van Brugh, as Amelia, made a "hit" in the last act, when she wept like a lawn-sprinkler.

Fraternity Notes.

The afternoon of February 19th was the occasion of an informal gathering at Alpha Beta Phi house. About twenty-five men including several of the Alumni with their wives or sweethearts were present at this delightful function. Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. and Mrs. Moore were chaperons.

Lambda Chapter of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity held a dance at the club house at 1717 S Street N. W., on the eve of George Washington's birthday, in which over fifty couples participated. The house was tastefully decorated with pictures of George Washington, flags, banners, and pennants. The florist did his work well and the house was a veritable paradise. The night's festivities were wound up by a Phi Sig March, several fraternity songs, interspersed with G. W. U. yells, and the gay merry-makers danced to the tune of "Home, Sweet Home" with the lights turned low, the only illumination coming from a crackling blaze in the fire places. The affair was unanimously declared the best and most enjoyable in the history of the fraternity. The committee in charge consisted of Mr. Donald Earll, chairman, Messrs. J. Walter Scheffer and Stanley H. Udy.

Sigma Phi Epsilon announces the initiation of Loren R. Manville on February 22. Mr. Manville is an alumnus of Kappa Sigma Pi, the local fraternity which became Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The Biennial Convention of Province 11 of Phi Delta Phi was held at the home of Gibson Chapter, the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., on the 17th and 18th of February. Rufus H. Tilton represented Marshall Chapter, while J. Arthur Moore, President of this Province and also a member of Marshall Chapter, presided at all of the meetings.

Every other week, since the first of January, a banquet has been given at which some member of Congress has addressed the chapter upon some phrase of the law.

On the 18th of February, John P. Robertson, of the Dental Department, was initiated into Kappa Sigma, and on March 4th J. Faison Thompson, of the Department of Law.

The eighteenth annual anniversary dance of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity was held at the Chapter house on the evening of the 22d of February. Alpha Eta Chapter was founded here on February 22d, 1892, and since that time the fratres have celebrated the Chapter's birthday. The Chapter house was adorned with greens and bunches of lilies of the valley, the fraternity flower. Even the refreshments carried out the fraternity color scheme, red, white, and green. A large attendance of Kappa Sigma men enjoyed the party to the fullest and so did a number of the University girls. The patrons were Mr. and Mrs. Parham, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Boykin, and Mrs. Burras.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is planning a dance on the 17th, and a banquet to the active and alumni members on the 25th.

Law School Notes.

Word has just been received from New Haven that a daughter was born to Prof. W. R. Vance, former Dean of this law school, but now a Professor of Law in the Yale Law School. The event occurred three or four weeks ago. All details as to weight, color of eyes, etc., are lacking. The congratulations of all his former students are extended to Professor Vance.

Prof. W. R. Vance was Dean of the George Washington Law School for some years, but resigned last year to accept a professorship in the Yale Law School. It is understood that he is teaching a number of subjects at Yale, among them being Insurance, Wills and Administration, and other important branches of the law. He is not, however, teaching the very interesting subject of Real Property, which he taught here so many years.

It is understood that some members of the Third Year Class "view with alarm" the yellow envelopes containing results of the examination in Real Property. There were quite a few "viewers," too.

It is always interesting to hear what the graduates are doing, especially those that have only recently hung up their "shingles."

Prof. J. P. Earnest has received a very interesting letter from W. E. Faulkner, in which he tells of his experience in his first criminal trial.

He says that on the night of January 1st two old people were killed by some one while they lay asleep in their cabin, which was near the railroad. Their heads were beaten in with an ax. There was very little evidence upon which to work, but about a week afterwards a man by the name of John Grills was arrested and brought back and put in jail. He was brought in on Saturday, and for fear of mob violence the jail had to be guarded all that night. Court convened on the following Monday and later in the week Mr. Faulkner was appointed by the court, with another attorney, to assist in the defense of Grills. To quote from his letter:

"We found our client in a very bad shape. He admitted being at the house of these old people for supper, but said he left immediately afterwards; he had been in the neighborhood for a week, without money and work; he had made many inquiries of the people with whom he had stayed about money and about who in the neighborhood had money; he had no one at all to back him up in his story, as to when he left the Osborne house. It was a rainy, cold night, and he claimed to have walked three miles to a station where he got on a freight car and went to the point in Tennessee where he was found; he saw no one on the way who could corroborate him. He was the only witness for the defense.

"We succeeded in getting the court to put the trial off a week, but we never succeeded in finding any witnesses to corroborate him, and so we went on to trial. It was the general opinion around town that we would have a death verdict in about a half day. But Tuggle (the other attorney) is very fine on cross-examination, and as it happened many of the witnesses for the Commonwealth were weaklings, and two of them had themselves been suspected of the crime. After three days, of which time the defense took only a few minutes, the Commonwealth had made a very weak case, because, largely, of the character of their witnesses.

"Of course, being the youngest I had to open the argument. * * * As the case had created a great deal of excitement and interest the court room would not hold the people that crowded in. I thought I saw my opportunity to introduce myself to these people, as it was the first trial in Circuit Court in which I had appeared. So I kept up a rapid fire on the jury for an hour and twenty minutes, putting every bit of force into it that I could. I picked out all the weak places in the Commonwealth's evidence that I could keep in mind, and kept driving home to the jury the reasonable doubt argument. I took Shaw's definition of reasonable doubt as laid down in the case of Webster vs. The Commonwealth, * * * and also as copied in Bouvier's Dictionary, and I went over this so many times that I am sure the jury could have recited the substance of this definition when I finished.

"I don't know how much credit is due me for the life sentence which the jury brought in, after a day's deliberation, but several persons came to me and expressed themselves as surprised that a young lawyer could do so well on the first case. The trial judge, who is a stranger here, told me it was one of the best arguments he ever heard in a criminal case; one of the jurymen, whom I had known all my life, came to me later and said that I saved my client from the death chair, because the three who held out for life sentence used my argument to support their stand, and to induce the others to change."

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The causes of its adoption are grounded in a distrust of the people's own representatives, which has no foundation in fact. Will the people who won't go to the polls once a year come out twenty or thirty times to vote on as many different questions? In a vote taken in Massachusetts on a constitutional question in 1890 fully 235,000 of the voters did not cast their ballots. The Dominion of Canada in 1898 found out what just 30 per cent of the population thought on the prohibition question. Could it be any clearer that the people do not want the initiative and referendum?

"The hindering of needed legislation is well shown by the fact that the emergency clause must be invoked in order to obtain any action on a measure, that 50 per cent of the laws are passed as 'emergency' measures. In South Dakota an attempt was made to put a stop to circus exhibitions on Sunday. By the provisions of the initiative and referendum a law must remain in abeyance for ninety days after its passage for the presentation of petitions. Accordingly, when the bill was passed, the circus-owners waited until the eighty-ninth day, and then presented a petition with the requisite number of signatures, obtained from their employees, and thus postponed the execution of the law until the next election.

"The people soon tire of the unaccustomed role of legislators, with its demands on their time and energy. The minorities who come out to the polls are evidence in point. Diligence in the choice of legislators is a more important, if not so inspiring, part."

DEFINES INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

C. E. Deyo of Needham, taking issue with his opponent's definitions, said:

"My opponent has failed to state that there are three kinds of initiative and referendum, the compulsory, the optional, and the advisory. We are at liberty to defend any one of the three, while our opponents must show that all three would be productive of great evils, and that no modified form would alleviate these evils.

"The initiative and referendum, when adopted, has been productive of great benefits. It has simplified the laws, and caused them to be phrased in diction comprehensive to even the lower and more ignorant classes. It has promoted patriotism in those who have shared its benefits. It has proved the end of boss rule and legislative corruption. It has been an education to those who have exercised it."

EFFECT ON LEGISLATURES AND PEOPLE.

L. B. LeDuc, resuming Columbian's argument, said:

"The scattering of responsibility inevitably lowers the moral standard of the legislators. The legislatures, shorn of their dignity and power, become filled with men whose only object is the official salary. Can the people, then, uphold the responsibility? The Know-nothing movement of fifty years ago is a sufficient answer. This party arose out of a sentiment of hostility to foreigners and Roman Catholics at the beginning of the great immigration movement. For a time it was a power even in Congress, but it finally died a natural death. What might have happened if this brief popular passion had been armed with the powers of the initiative and referendum?

"The people have no judiciary committee to guide them through the mazes of legal phraseology. The American people are used to voting for men, not for measures."

LACK OF LEGISLATIVE LEADERS.

W. R. Fitch of Needham took exception to the statement of his

opponent that the dignity of our legislative bodies would suffer from the operation of the initiative and referendum. He said in part:

"In the legislatures of today, here in Congress where we are able to observe for ourselves, we are struck by the lack of real leaders, as is evinced by the recent Lorimer incident. The defects of our legislative bodies are notorious. Among them are rapid and hasty legislation, throngs of lobbyists haunting the corridors of our legislative halls, improper methods with special and local bills, and general inferiority of the legislatures themselves. By the initiative and referendum rapid legislation receives a check. Lobbying becomes useless when measures go directly to the people.

"In Oregon local bills are referred to the communities directly concerned. The problem is like that of a man buying shoes. He examines the styles shown him, and takes his choice. He is the one who decides whether the shoe pinches or not, and he is the one who has to wear it."

WHEN DOES THE SHOE PINCH?

"There is one feature that my honorable opponent over-looked," was N. L. Bowen's opening remark, as he concluded the argument for Columbian, "namely, that the shoe does not begin to pinch until after it has been worn." Continuing, he said:

"How does the initiative and referendum work in Switzerland? A law prohibiting the employment of women and children for excessive hours was rejected. Compulsory education and employers' liability laws have shared the same fate. The best laws that have been passed have been those that originated in the congress. A number of laws have failed for lack of a quorum to vote upon them. A constitutional amendment was adopted by one twelfth of the entire voting population.

"It is ridiculous to assume that the people who cannot elect good legislators can make good laws. The average voter has no time to study pamphlets and the arguments contained therein. Then, when he is called to the polls he is given no chance for discussion; but is asked to answer simply 'yes' or 'no.' There are some questions which cannot be answered categorically."

BRADLEY CLOSES THE ARGUMENT.

The debate was closed for Needham by P. E. Bradley, who undertook the opening of the rebuttal. In contradiction of the claims of the affirmative, Mr. Bradley asserted:

"The people do vote; fully 61 to 90 per cent of those who vote for candidates vote on measures submitted.

"If the people can serve on our juries they are fully competent to vote on public questions. The difficulty of judging of measures is nothing to that of judging of men. Revelations of men's character do not come till too late, and then it takes years to oust corruption. The initiative and referendum is the first step in abolishing machine rule and corruption."

A spirited refutation followed on both sides, and the judges, Dean Willis of the College of the Political Sciences, Prof. Everett Fraser, of the Department of Law, and Dr. Burglund, of the Bureau of Corporations, retired to deliberate. Their decision when announced gave the debate to Needham, with first honors to W. E. Fitch, and second to L. B. LeDuc.

The evening was graced by an attractive musical program, rendered by Miss Margaret Standiford, contralto, and Miss Amy Clement Leavitt. The selections rendered were well applauded.

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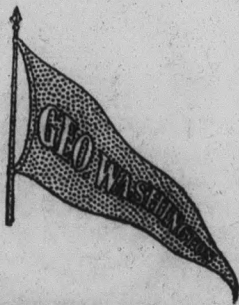
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Veterinary Notes.

The Veterinary Medical Association held its first annual banquet at Freund's, on the evening of Friday, March 3. The banquet was a success in every respect, both from a gastronomic and an oratorical standpoint. About 60 men were present, including the majority of the students of the college, a number of the members of the Faculty, and guests.

After everyone, except possibly the students, who were looking forward to speaking later in the evening, had enjoyed a more or less "balanced ration," stogies and coffin-nails were lighted, and the flow of after-dinner oratory began. Mr. W. E. Cotton, president of the Association, acted as toastmaster, and introduced first Dr. D. E. Buckingham, Dean of the college. Dr. Buckingham spoke of the old National Veterinary College, two of the graduates of which, Dr. Washburn and Dr. Ellenberger, were present, and made some remarks in regard to the formation of an alumni association, of which the graduates of the old college should become members. The Dean got away with only one story.

Dr. Turner spoke on legislative matters in veterinary medicine, especially in relation to the army.

Mr. Rommel, Chief of the Division of Animal Husbandry, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, was present, and spoke on the text: "A horse! a horse! my kingdom for a horse!" Mr. Rommel won in a walk on telling stories, and in addition gave a very interesting talk on veterinary medicine as related to farming and stockraising.

Other members of the Faculty who spoke were Dr. Eichhorn, Dr. Stafford, Dr. Neate, Dr. Price, and Dr. Young. Mr. Cotton announced

that Dr. Lockwood and Dr. Formad, both of whom he had hoped to hear from, were unable to attend on account of sickness.

The last two speakers were representatives of the students, Mr. H. A. Lochboehler, vice-president of the Association, and Mr. F. A. Hugins, of the Senior Class. These gentlemen had a hard task before them in following the able speakers who preceded, but it is no flattering exaggeration to say that they responded with the greatest dignity and credit to themselves and the students.

A uniform class-pin has finally been adopted by the three classes, and the committee are receiving orders for the pin. Everyone should have this pin.

After that banquet you can't tell us that veterinarians are not endowed with a wonderful power of fluent and eloquent speech.

Mr. Geo. H. Koon, president of the Senior Class, and chairman of the committee in charge of the Association banquet, was unable to attend the banquet, on account of being called out of the city on business.

Benefit for the Hospital.

The Board of Lady Managers of the University Hospital have planned a theater benefit at the New National on Monday evening, March 20th, at 8.15. The play which will be presented on that evening is a musical comedy, "The Dollar Princess." The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the University Hospital. Every year the Board of Lady Managers raises money to help pay the cost of hospital maintenance. In previous

years the means adopted has been the Students' Ball, which was regularly held on George Washington's birthday. The theater benefit to be given this year is in lieu of and in substitution for the Students' Ball. It is especially hoped that a large number of students will attend the performance. Tickets will be sold at the following prices: Orchestra, 15 rows, A to O, \$2.50; 7 rows, P to V, \$2.00; Balcony, 3 rows, A to C, \$2.00; 4 rows, D to G, \$1.50; 3 rows, H to J, \$1.00; Gallery, 3 rows, A to C, 75 cents; remaining rows, 50 cents. Tickets may be had of Mrs. D. K. Shute, 1719 De Sales street. Gallery seats are on sale at the office of the Treasurer of the University, 1528 I street. After March 15th all tickets will be at the Box Office of the National Theater. Get your ticket at once.

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